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DESIGNATION FORM

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DESJANAVA KINSLOW,

1707 Kinsey St.

Philadelphia, PA 19124 : Civil Action

Plaintiff : No. 22-

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V. :

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, :

1515 Arch St. :

Philadelphia, PA 19102 :

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ADA JOHN DOE : Jury Trial Demanded

1515 Arch St. :

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OFFICER JOHN DOE 1-2 :

1515 Arch St.

Philadelphia, PA 19102 :

Defendants. :

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CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

NOW COMES DESJANAVA KINSLOW, by and through counsel Evan T.L Hughes, Esquire brings this suit to recover for federal constitutional violations and state law claims. In support thereof, Plaintiff avers as follows:

NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT

- Desjanava Kinslow, (hereinafter, "Ms. Kinslow" or "Plaintiff") was arrested on February
 3, 2020 for firearms offenses by OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2.
- Ms. Kinslow proceeded to a bench trial that was bifurcated and prosecuted by ADA
 JOHN DOE on November 30, 2021 and December 7, 2021.
- 3. On or around December 7, 2021, Ms. Kinslow was found Not Guilty due to the fact that her firearm permit was still legally in effect at the time of her arrest.
- 4. This miscarriage of justice was directly caused by the malicious prosecution by officials, who with deliberate indifference, pursued prosecution at the expense of justice.
- 5. As a result of her arrest and these baseless criminal proceedings against her, Ms. Kinslow has experienced significant difficulty in obtaining employment.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343, as this civil action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to remedy the deprivation of Plaintiff's rights, secured by the United States Constitution.
- 7. This Court has pendent jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367 to hear and address related state-law claims.
- 8. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), as the claims at issue in this action arose in this District.

JURY DEMAND

9. Plaintiff demands a jury on all issues and claims set forth in this Civil Complaint pursuant to the Seventh Amendment of the United States Constitution and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b).

PARTIES

- 10. Plaintiff Desjanava Kinslow ("Ms. Kinslow") is, and at all times relevant to this action was, a resident of the state of Pennsylvania. On February 3, 2020, Ms. Kinslow was arrested for charges of Firearms Not to Be Carried. Ms. Kinslow was ultimately found Not Guilty of Firearms Not to Be Carried because her firearm license was not legally suspended on February 3, 2020.
- 11. Defendant CITY OF PHILADELPHIA is, and at all times relevant to this Complaint, was a municipality located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The CITY OF PHILADELPHIA is, and at all times relevant to this Complaint, was officially responsible for the policies, customs, training, and practices of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Philadelphia Police. The CITY OF PHILADELPHIA was at all times relevant to this action the employer of Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 and ADA JOHN DOE.
- 12. Defendant ADA JOHN DOE, at all times relevant to this action, was an Assistant District Attorney in the Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office acting under color of law and within the scope of his employment.
- 13. Defendant OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2, at all times relevant to this action, were officers of the Philadelphia Police Department acting under color of law and within the scope of their employment pursuant to the statutes, regulations, policies, customs, and practices of the City of Philadelphia and Philadelphia Police Department.

OPERATIVE FACTS

- 14. On February 3, 2020, Ms. Kinslow was pulled over by Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 for an alleged motor vehicle code violation.
- 15. Upon the officers' request, Ms. Kinslow informed them that she did have a firearm on her person for which she had licensure.
- 16. Defendant OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 alleged that her concealed carry status was revoked effective September 4, 2019 and as a result, Ms. Kinslow was arrested and charged with firearms violations.
- 17. On December 7, 2021 at trial, Defendant ADA JOHN DOE pursued a third degree felony charge of Firearms Not to be Carried without License against Ms. Kinslow.
- 18. On that same day, Ms. Kinslow was found Not Guilty by the Honorable Judge George
 Anthony Kyriakakis due to her license not being legally suspended on February 3, 2020.
- 19. Despite the lack of evidence and viable case against Ms. Kinslow, Defendants pursued prosecution in order to deny Ms. Kinslow her civil rights, falsely arrest her, and deny her due process of the law.
- 20. During the time of her trial as well as after her acquittal, Ms. Kinslow continues to struggle to find employment due to these charges.
- 21. Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2, and ADA JOHN DOE were at all times acting in their official capacity and under color of authority.
- 22. Defendant CITY OF PHILADELPHIA knew or should have known of the constitutional violations being committed by its employees, through the administration of general policies, practices, and training within the Philadelphia Police. Defendant CITY OF

- PHILADELPHIA is therefore directly liable and responsible for the acts of Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2, and ADA JOHN DOE.
- 23. Defendants CITY OF PHILADELPHIA is liable for the acts of Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 and ADA JOHN DOE because, as a matter of policy and practice, it has tolerated and permitted the pattern of deprivation of constitutional rights by its police and prosecution at the expense of the constitutional rights of Plaintiff and those similarly situated.
- 24. Defendant CITY OF PHILADELPHIA has, as a matter of policy, practice, and custom, failed to reprimand, sanction, or discipline or appropriately hire and/or fire officers whose actions and/or omissions lead to such unlawful conduct that violates the constitutional rights on Plaintiff and those similarly situated.
- 25. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.
- 26. At no time relevant to this action did Plaintiff engage in any criminal behavior justifying Defendants' actions.
- 27. The actions and/or omissions of Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 and ADA JOHN DOE through their employment by CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, were committed deliberately, intentionally, maliciously, and willfully.
- 28. The damages suffered by Plaintiff were the direct and proximate result of the conduct of the defendants jointly, severally, directly, or vicariously.

COUNT I: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 MALICIOUS PROSECUTION

- 29. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.
- 30. Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 initiated criminal charges against Plaintiff by arresting her for firearms offenses on February 3, 2020.
- 31. The proceeding was initiated without the requisite probable cause.
- 32. Defendant ADA JOHN DOE pursued prosecution against Plaintiff despite Plaintiff's case not being legally viable.
- 33. Defendants acted with malice in ensuring that Plaintiff be subject to criminal proceedings despite her legal innocence.
- 34. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 including interest, delay damages, costs of suit, compensatory and punitive damages, and attorneys' fees under U.S.C. §§ 1985 and 1988, and any other remedies legally appropriate.

COUNT II: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 FALSE ARREST

- 35. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.
- 36. Defendant OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 intended to arrest Plaintiff for VUFA offenses despite Plaintiff's valid firearm licensure.

- 37. Plaintiff KINSLOW was arrested pretrial and bailed out of pretrial confinement, so she was aware of her confinement.
- 38. There was no probable cause to arrest Plaintiff KINSLOW.
- 39. Plaintiff KINSLOW did not offer consent nor was the confinement privileged.
- 40. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

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COUNT III: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY

- 41. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.
- 42. Defendant OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 conspired with each other and Defendant ADA JOHN DOE in attempts to secure a conviction against Ms. Kinslow, despite the fact that Ms. Kinslow had her permit to carry and it had not been legally suspended on the date of her arrest.
- 43. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in her favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 including interest, delay damages, costs of suit, compensatory and punitive damages, and attorneys' fees under U.S.C. §§ 1985 and 1988, and any other remedies legally appropriate.

COUNT IV: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS

- 44. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.
- 45. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, more specifically described above, Plaintiff's substantive due process rights, as protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, were violated and as a result, Plaintiff suffered grievous injury, including but not limited to wage loss, loss of opportunity, mental anguish, emotional distress, embarrassment, and Plaintiff's time, energy, and resources spent defending the criminal case.
- 46. Defendants subjected Plaintiff to this deprivation of rights unreasonably, intentionally, wantonly, outrageously, and with conscious and reckless disregard for whether Plaintiff's rights would be violated by their actions.
- 47. Solely as a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff suffered substantial damages, outlined above, including the costs of this suit.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in her favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 including interest, delay damages, costs of suit, compensatory and punitive damages, and attorneys' fees under U.S.C. §§ 1985 and 1988, and any other remedies legally appropriate.

COUNT V: STATE LAW MALICIOUS PROSECUTION

- 48. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.
- 49. Defendants OFFICERS JOHN DOE 1-2 initiated criminal charges against Plaintiff by arresting her for firearms offenses on February 3, 2020.
- 50. The proceeding was initiated without the requisite probable cause.
- 51. Defendant ADA JOHN DOE pursued prosecution against Plaintiff despite Plaintiff's case not being legally viable.
- 52. Defendants acted with malice in ensuring that Plaintiff be subject to criminal proceedings despite no violation of law taking place.
- 53. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in her favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally including interest, delay damages, costs of suit, general and specific damages, punitive and exemplary damages, and any other remedies legally appropriate.

COUNT VI: STATE LAW NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

1. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.

2. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional negligent actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally including interest, delay damages, costs of suit, general and specific damages, punitive and exemplary damages, and any other remedies legally appropriate.

COUNT VII: STATE LAW INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

- 3. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.
- 4. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional intentional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in his favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally including interest, delay damages, costs of suit, general and specific damages, punitive and exemplary damages, and any other remedies legally appropriate.

COUNT VIII: 42 U.S.C. § 1983 MUNICIPAL LIABILITY

54. The preceding paragraphs are incorporated by reference as though they were laid out fully herein.

- 55. Defendant CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, by and through its lawmakers operated the Philadelphia Police Department and Philadelphia District Attorney's Office without support, training, appropriate staffing, and supervision regarding the risk of constitutional trial violations when officials operate under color of law and within the scope of their employment.
- 56. The need for policies, training, supervision, appropriate staffing, and resources is evidenced by the great deprivation of rights that occurs to an individual at the time of their arrest, incarceration, and commencement of criminal charges against them.
- 57. The risk of constitutional violations occurring where such policies, training, supervision, appropriate staffing, and resources do not exist is obvious and appropriate steps to remedy such lack of the above-listed were not taken.
- 58. The ongoing failure of Defendant CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, by and through its lawmakers, to implement policies to protect the constitutional rights of its citizens constitutes conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights and deliberate indifference.
- 59. Such ongoing failure is the legal cause of the malicious prosecution, false arrest, and deprivation of civil rights that Ms. Kinslow experienced prior to obtaining a Not Guilty verdict and continues to experience in terms of lost employment opportunity.
- 60. As a direct result of the Defendants' unconstitutional actions, Plaintiff suffered serious economic and other injuries in the form of attorneys' fees incurred, emotional distress, wage loss, embarrassment, and time spent to defend the case for which Plaintiff seeks compensation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment in her favor, and against all Defendants jointly and severally pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 including interest, delay

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court enter judgment in her favor and against Defendants, individually, jointly, and severally, in an amount in excess of \$150,000, plus such other and further relief as this Honorable Court deems necessary and just, and to Order the following relief: statutory damages; compensatory damages, including actual damages for economic injuries, including but not limited to wage loss, loss of opportunity, emotional distress, embarrassment, and time and attorney's fees spent defending the case; as well as attorney's fees and expenses, and costs of suit.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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